

COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Koenigsbrueck

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EVALUATION see below

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. On 9 February 1953, six armored scout cars and a truck were seen entering the Neues Lager, west of the road to Schwepnitz, 1.5 km northwest of Koenigsbrueck. Source expressed the belief that the vehicular traffic had considerably increased and that new troops had arrived at the camp. Source observed numerous soldiers wearing black epaulets without piping.

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2. On 9 February, several railroad tank cars were emptied into tank trucks at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. The trucks went to Altes Lager.

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3. On 7 February, the Altes Lager, northwest of the railroad station, was occupied by about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. From 2 to 7 February, the troops were engaged in fatigue duty in the sheds, depots and repair shops. Motor vehicles were identified.

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4. On 5 February, about 70 soldiers left the installation toward Neues Lager; they returned at about 5 p.m. On 7 February, trucks each occupied by 6 to 10 soldiers, left the installation toward Koenigsbrueck. Driving school trucks were seen in the barracks area.

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5. Between 2 and 7 February, one Lieutenant Colonel Golubev (fnu), referred to as MGB chief by source, was determined at the post.

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6. On 19 February, the Nachrichtenschule was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and a few with tank insignia. At about 8 a.m. on 13 February, three trucks, including and towing 120-mm mortars left the installation toward Neues Lager. At about 8:10 a.m.,

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seven 76-mm field guns drawn by troops were being moved from the installation to the artillery emplacement south of the installation. On 14 February, about 80 to 100 soldiers organized in groups were seen at advanced combat firing practice in the Aue area. On 17 February, 16 soldiers practiced aiming with 120-mm mortars and, on 19 February, about 45 soldiers were engaged in service of the piece drill on four 76-mm field guns in the Aue area. Motor vehicles seen en route from and to the installation [redacted]

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7. In the afternoon of 14 February, about 60 to 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets drilled in Altes Lager. At about 9:30 a.m. on 15 February, 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets left the installation and marched to the railroad station. Motor vehicles [redacted] were [redacted] en route from and to Altes Lager.

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8. On 10 February, four JS-3 tanks entered Neues Lager. Between 12 and 15 February, 3 to 4 JS-3 tanks several times were seen en route between the camp and the meadows in the Aue area. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen.

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9. At 5 p.m. on 12 February, 3 JS-3 tanks, 2 trucks and 1 repair shop truck were being entrained at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station.

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[redacted] Comment. Tanks and armored scout cars are reported in Neues Lager for the first time. It is possible that individual tank units of other divisions of the First Gds Mecz Army moved into the camp at the beginning of the advanced combat firing practice at the training grounds. This assumption would be strengthened by the information in paragraph 1 of the present report, according to which vehicular traffic has increased and new troops arrived, at the camp. No changes appear to have occurred in the occupation of Altes Lager and the Nachrichtenschule until mid-February. According to weapons observed, the 270th Gds Mort Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div can be carried in the Nachrichtenschule as previously. No indications are for the presence there of the 44th Gds Tank Regt of this division.

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